



The Outward Manifestations Of Taking The Believers as Mawlaat

From the Book: Al-Walaa' wal Baraa'
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1 - Hijrah from the lands of the Kuffaar to the lands of the Muslims...

Hijrah means to move from the land of the Kuffaar to the land of the Muslims for the sake of saving o­ne's Deen. Hijrah, with this meaning, is obligatory upon the Muslims until the sun rises from the west before the establishment of Judgment Day. The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said that he is free from the Muslim who lives among pagans. If a Muslim can move from the lands of the Kuffaar, then Allaah forbids him to stay in those lands. He may stay, if he gives da 'wah and propagates Islaam, and shows his Deen openly. Allaah the Exalted said,

"When angels take the souls of those who die while they have wronged their souls, they say, 'In what [state] were you?' They reply: 'We were weak and oppressed in the earth.' [The Angels] say: 'Was not the earth of Allaah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away [from evil]?' Such men will find their abode in Hell, what an evil refuge! Except those who are [really] weak and oppressed: men, women, and children who have no means in their power, nor can they find a way [to escape]. For these, there is hope that Allaah will forgive, because Allaah blots out [sins] and forgives again and again." [1]

2 - Helping the Muslims with money, body, and tongue in what they need in their Deen and material life...

Allaah the Exalted said,

"The Believers, men and women, are protectors, o­ne of another," [2]

Allaah the Exalted said,

"...but if they seek your aid in Deen, it is your duty to help them, except against a people with whom you have a treaty of mutual alliance..." [3]

3 - Feeling sympathy for the Muslims whenever harm comes to them and feeling happy when good comes to them...

The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

"The example of the Muslims is like a body, if one part of it gets hurt, then all of the body shares that hurt [like a body stricken] with a fever and no sleeping."

Then he (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

"The Believer to another Believer is like a building [or structure]. [He then brought his hands together with his fingers intertwined.]"

4 - Advising and counseling the Muslims, always loving good things to happen to them, not cheating them, tricking them or going behind their back...

He (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

"No one of you has Eemaan until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself," and, "A Muslim doesn't betray his brother Muslim nor does he go behind his back,"

Also, he (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

"All of a Muslim's blood, property, wealth, and family is sacred to another Muslim."

Further, he (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said:

"Do not hate each other, do not backbite each other, (..), and do not out price each other, but rather be worshippers of Allaah and brothers."

5 - Being respectful to them, not humiliating them or speaking evil about them...

Allaah the Exalted said,

"O you believe! Let not some men among you laugh at others- it may be that the [latter] are better than the [former] -, nor defame each other, nor call each other by [offensive] nicknames- ill-seeming is a name [to be used to describe o­ne] connoting wickedness after he has believed. Those who do not desist are [indeed] doing wrong. O you who believe! Avoid suspicion, because suspicion in some cases is a sin. Spy not o­n each other, nor backbite each other. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, you would hate it! So, fear Allaah, because Allaah is Oft-Returning, the o­ne Who treats gently whoever He is kind with." [4]

6 - To be with them in the time of prosperity and hardship...

This is the opposite of the hypocrites because they are with the believers when times are easy and desert them when times are hard. Allaah the Exalted said,

"(The Hypocrites are) those who wait and watch you. If you gain a victory from Allaah, they say, "Were we not with you?' But if the disbelievers gain a success, they say [to the disbelievers], "Did we not gain an advantage for you. And did we not guard you from the Believers?'..." [5]

7 - Visiting and loving to meet them...

The Qudsi [6] hadeeth states,

"Indeed Allaah said, "My love is written for those who visit for My sake."

In another hadeeth, the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) says,
"A man was going to visit his Muslim brother. Allaah then sent an angel to him. The angel asked him where he was going. He said, "To visit my Muslim brother.' He [the angel] said, "Are you visiting him for a gain?' He [the man] said, 'No. I love him for the sake of Allaah.' He [the angel] said, "I am a messenger from Allaah informing you that Allaah loves you because you loved him [your Muslim brother] for His sake."

8 - Respecting their rights...

You should not out-purchase your brother Muslim. If a brother Muslim's sheep is eating from the grass, you should not bring your sheep to eat upon that same grass. Also, you should not make an (marriage) engagement over another brother Muslim. The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,
"You should not bid over your brother's bid and get engaged to who he is engaged to."

In another narration:

"You shouldn't graze sheep where other sheep are grazed."

9 - Being kind to the weak among them.

The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said,

"He is not o­ne of us who is not respectful to our elders and kind to the children."

He (sallallaahu'alahiwasallam) said,

"Do you get victory and provisions except by your weak people?"

Allaah the Exalted said,

"And keep yourself content with those who call o­n their Lord morning and evening, seeking His Face. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, seeking the pomp and glitter of this Life..." [7]

10 - Making supplication for them and asking forgiveness for them...

Allaah the Exalted said,

"Know, therefore, that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah. And ask forgiveness for your fault, and for the believing men and women..." [8]

Also, Allaah the Exalted said,

"And those who came after them say: 'Our Lord! forgive us, and our brethren who came before us into the Faith..." [9]

Note:

Allaah the Exalted said,

"Allaah forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not because of [your] Deen or drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them, because Allaah loves those who are just." [10]

This means that the Muslims should treat those Kuffaar who do not fight or hate the Muslims and do not drive the Muslims out of their homes, in the life of this world, with justice and kindness, without having love for them in their hearts. Allaah the Exalted said, **"...from dealing kindly and justly with them..."** He did not say be befriend or love them. Similarly, Allaah the Exalted said for disbelieving parents that we should be good to them,

"But if they strive to make you join in worship with Me things of which you have no knowledge, obey them not. But give them company in this life with justice [and consideration], and follow the way of those who turn to Me..." [11]

The mother of Asmaa (radhiAllaahu 'anha) came to her seeking her to visit her [or, wondering why her daughter never visited her], then Asmaa (radhiAllaahu 'anha) sought permission from the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) to do that and he said, "Visit your mother."

Allaah the Exalted said,

"You will not find any people who believe in Allaah and the Last Day, loving those who oppose Allaah and His Messenger, even though they were their fathers"

So, visitation and equal treatment [in this worldly life] is different from love and [close] friendship. Communication and good treatment encourages the disbeliever to become a Muslim, so these things are really like da'wah. However, loving the disbeliever (Kaafir) makes him feel good about what he believes and makes him not to want to become a Muslim.

The prohibition of loving the Kuffaar does not mean that the interaction that is involved in trading and having commerce with them is prohibited. The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) hired Ibn Ariqat al-Laythi as a guide [during the Hijrah] and he was not a Muslim. He (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) borrowed money from a Jew. We are not allowed to love them because of this interaction because we are obligated to love the Muslims and hate the Kuffaar.

Allaah the Exalted said,

"Those who believed, those who migrated to Madeenah with the Messenger of Allaah (Muhaajiroon [12]) who fought for the Deen with their property and persons in the cause of Allaah, as well as those who sheltered and aided them (Ansaar [13])- these are friends and protectors, one of another..." [14] up to the saying of Allaah the Exalted, "The disbelievers are protectors, one of another and unless you do this [protect each other], there will be tumult and oppression on earth, and great mischief." [15]

Al-Haafidh Ibn Katheer said about the saying [of Allaah the Exalted], "...Unless you do this [protect each other], there will be tumult and oppression on earth, and great mischief," means that if [the Muslims] do not hate the pagans and love the Believers, then fitnah will appear. This fitnah is that things will be mixed, and the Believers will be mixed with the disbelievers. (The author said that) this is what is happening now. And Allaah is the Best to Help.

Footnotes:

[1] An-Nisaa, 4:97-99

[2] At-Tawbah, 9:71

[3] Al-Anfaal, 8:72

[4] Al-Hujuraat, 49:11-12

[5] An-Nisaa, 4:141

[6] Qudsi means the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) is reporting from Allaah.

[7] Al-Kahf, 18:28

[8] Muhammad, 47:19

[9] Al-Hashr, 59:10

[10] Al-Mumtahanah, 60:8

[11] Luqmaan, 31:15

[12] Those (radhiAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een) who made the Hijrah from Makkah to Madeenah With the Messenger Of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) .

[13] Those (radhiAllaahu 'anhu ajma'een) residents of Madeenah who sacrificed and sheltered the Muhaajiroon (emigrants) when they came to Madeenah.

[14] Al-Anfaal, 8:72

[15] Al-Anfaal, 8:73

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